



**QUEEN'S
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Pathway Opportunity Programme



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**Widening Participation Unit
Queen's University Belfast
2018**

WHY QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY?



**ALL MAJOR UK CITIES WITHIN
AN HOUR'S FLYING TIME**

(Complete University Guide 2016)



**25 QUEEN'S SUBJECTS
IN THE UK TOP 20**

(TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES GOOD
UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2018)



**94% OF STUDENTS
IN BELFAST SAID THEY WERE
'VERY HAPPY'**

TO BE STUDYING HERE
(Student Living by Sodexo 2016)



BELFAST RANKED AS THE
8TH BEST CITY

IN THE UK TO LIVE AND WORK IN
(PwC 2015 Good Growth for Cities)



QUEEN'S IS NOW
**ONE OF THE PREMIER
SPORTING UNIVERSITIES**

IN IRELAND AND THE UK
(Guardian University Guide 2016)



**LOWEST COST OF
LIVING IN THE UK**

(Mercer, 2016)



**RANKED 2ND FOR
SPORTING FACILITIES**

AMONG 13 RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES
(International Student Barometer Autumn 2015)



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What is the Pathway Opportunity Programme?

A pathway to Queen's University Belfast for talented young people from Northern Ireland who want to experience a bit of University life (social and academic) during the spring/summer of their Year 13, and upon successful completion, receive a guaranteed conditional offer of a place at Queen's.

What courses are on offer for the Pathway Opportunity Programme?

20 Places in each of the following Pathways:

Archaeology and Palaeoecology

Business

Computer Science

Civil Engineering

Food, Microbiology and Environment

Law

Courses available within this Pathway:

- Law with Politics
- Common & Civil Law with French
- Common and Civil Law with Hispanic Studies



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WHAT IS THE 'PATH'?





WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME OFFER ME?

- Receive a **guaranteed conditional offer** of a place at Queen's University Belfast for your chosen Pathway course stream
- Be eligible for a **reduced offer** of up to two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard entry offer, depending on your performance
- UCAS application advice
- Experience university life
- Benefit from tailored transition events and support throughout your first year of undergraduate study.
- Support **bursary** of up to £1000 awarded during Yr1 at Queen's
- No cost to be enrolled in the programme





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Pathway Opportunity Programme Summer Residential



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Pathway Opportunity Programme Summer Residential

- Arrive on Sunday 22 July, Depart Friday 27 July 2018
- Accommodation at Elms Village
- Individual *en suite* room
- 10 participants per floor
- 15 mins walk to campus
- All meals included
- Social activities provided
- Academic sessions
- Employer engagement sessions



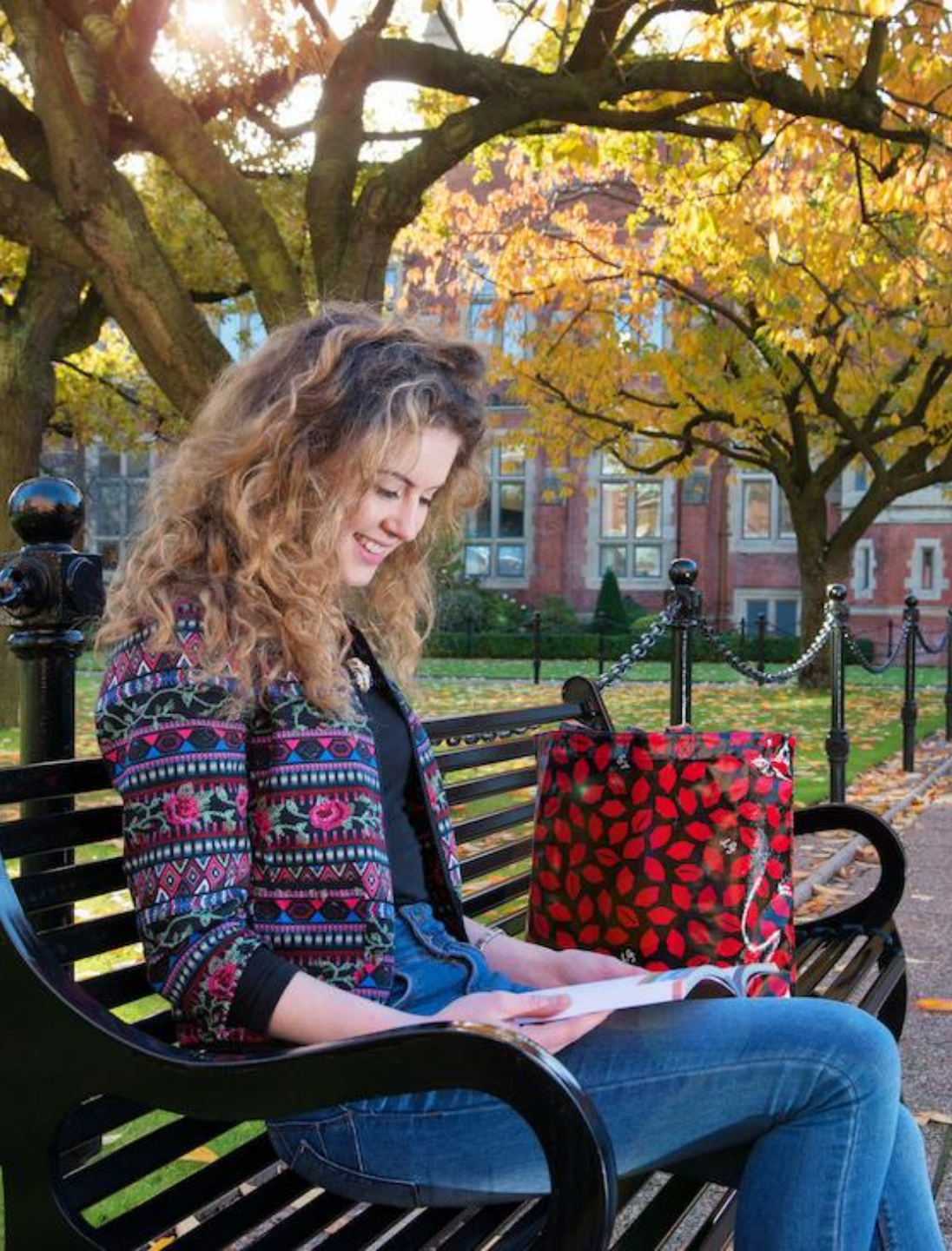
What should I expect during the residential?

Activity

Academic Session/Employer Engagement

Mentor Debrief/Free Time

Evening Activities



SUMMER SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

A guaranteed conditional offer from Queens

1 grade reduction - if you score 60 – 69% in your summer school assessment.

2 Grade reduction – if you score 70% or above in your summer school assessment.

MENTOR SUPPORT

- Subject-specific mentoring provided by current QUB students
- Increase your academic confidence
- Provide online group mentoring sessions throughout programme
- Offer academic guidance during summer residential



WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM ME TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME?

Attend all on-campus workshops, masterclasses and seminars

(These will be limited, to ensure little disruption from your classes).

Complete all compulsory components on the Virtual Learning Environment

(These range from subject specific, to academic writing and communication skills).

Complete assessed assignment during Residential, set by the Academic in your chosen Pathway subject.

Participants must successfully complete all elements of the programme to be eligible for any potential reduction in admission offer.

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEOECOLOGY



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Archaeology (the study of past human activities)

Archaeology studies the development of humanity by examining people's surviving material remains

- Tombs & Temples
- Settlements
- Skeletons & Artefacts

Using them to trace our economic, cultural, social and spiritual achievements through time.



Palaeoecology (the study of past environments)

Palaeoecology studies environmental evidence to assess the impact of natural events and human activities in relation to

- landscapes
- climate
- changing environments.

Highly relevant due to global concerns about climate change



Top Reasons to Study Archaeology and Palaeoecology

- Acquire practical skills
- Excellent laboratories
- Study abroad in the US, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Malta.
- Relaxed atmosphere and lots of help for students
- Student-led Peer Mentor Scheme



CAREER PROSPECTS

- Professional archaeologists in Ireland, the UK and elsewhere.
- Environmental archaeology
- Land and nature conservation, forestry, water management and pollution control.
- Forensic work examining soil samples from crime scenes.
- Museum curators.
- Civil Service.
- Education.



WHICH ARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEOECOLOGY COURSES ARE ON OFFER WITH THE PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME?

Archaeology

Archaeology - Palaeoecology

Archaeology with French/Portuguese/Spanish/History/Irish

Archaeology - Palaeoecology and Geography

BUSINESS

BUSINESS

Business Studies will cover a range of management topics:

- Leading and managing people
- Leading change
- Managing creativity and innovation
- Markets and resources
- Managing in the global business environment,
- Strategic management,
- Working in teams.



Top reasons to for Studying on the Business Pathway

- Study USA, exchange programme
- Guest speakers from industry
- Excellent relationships with local, national and international organisations.
- An optional placement year is available between Stages 2 and 3.



CAREER PROSPECTS

- New venture creation operations
- Supply chain and quality
- Advertising
- Business development
- Marketing
- Market research,
- Export marketing
- Human resources
- Recruitment
- Accounting
- Finance,
- Inward investment, exporting



WHAT CAN I APPLY TO ON THE BUSINESS PATHWAY?

Accounting (optional with French or Spanish)

Business Management

Economics (optional with French or Spanish)

Business Economics

Economics with Finance

Economics and Accounting

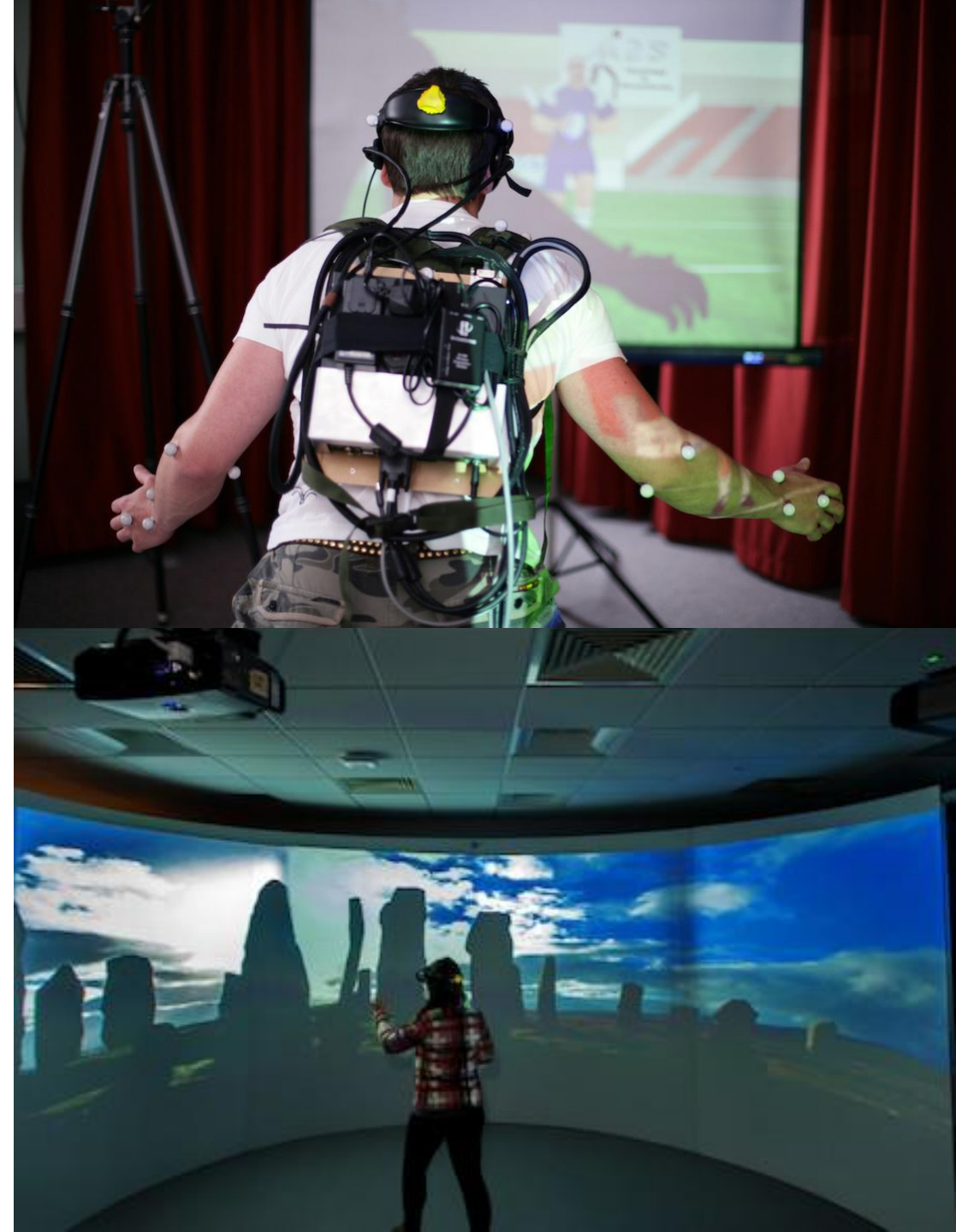
International Business (with French, German, Spanish or Mandarin)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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The Computer Science courses embrace subject areas such as

- software engineering
- hardware and design,
- information systems, communications,
- graphics, simulation
- modelling, artificial intelligence and human-computer interaction.



Top reasons why you should choose Computer Science:

- Over 85% of graduates find jobs within six months.
- Have access to some of the best facilities in any UK university for this discipline.
- A wide range of engineering and IT companies support students through their studies e.g. placements and scholarships
- Peer Mentoring Scheme



CAREER PROSPECTS

- Software Engineer
- Systems Analyst
- Web Designer
- Games Developer
- Systems Developer
- IT Consultant
- Project Manager



Which Computer Science Courses are on offer with the Pathway Opportunity programme?

Software Engineering

Computing and Information Technology

Computer Science

Software Engineering

With MSc and one year placement Options available

CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Civil engineering is all about helping people and shaping the world.

- Supplying electricity and gas to our homes.
- Clean water purify it so we can use it again.
- They build roads and bridges to railways and airports.



Top 5 reasons for studying Civil Engineering:

- Good starting salaries
- Graduates who study Civil Engineering are “in demand”
- Civil Engineering offers opportunities to work abroad Institution of Civil Engineers.
- Every QUB student who actively sought a placement was successfully placed in a Civil Engineering company last year.



CAREER PROSPECTS

- Civil Engineering (Design and Construction)
- Accountancy
- Commerce
- Education
- Research



What can I apply to on the Civil Engineering Pathway?

Civil Engineering

Students can change to an MEng (4 Year Course) or combine with Environmental Engineering from second year onwards.



FOOD, MICROBIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT



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Top Reasons to study on the Food, Microbiology and Environment Pathway

- Visit companies
- Work with the latest technologies
- Career opportunities are excellent and diverse
- 95% of all graduates in employment or further study within 6 months of graduating.



**ENSURING THE
FOOD SAFETY
OF OUR NATION**



FOOD, MICROBIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT ROUTES

Biological Sciences

Agri-Food and Land Use



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WHICH FOOD, MICROBIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT COURSES ARE ON OFFER WITH THE PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME?

Biological Sciences

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Marine Biology

Zoology

Microbiology

Biochemistry



With MSc and one year placement Options available

WHICH FOOD, MICROBIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT COURSES ARE ON OFFER WITH THE PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME?

Agri-Food and Land Use

Land Use and Environmental Management

Agricultural Technology

Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition

Environmental Management



With MSc and one year placement Options available

LAW

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Law looks at the relationships, interactions and transactions between individuals, companies, government and state at a local, regional, national and international level.

- Qualifying Law Degree, Specialise in year three
- Legal Methods and Skills,
- Constitutional Law in Context,
- European Constitutional Law,
- Internal Market Law,
- Criminal Law, Rights and Accountability
- Land Law



Top reasons for studying Law:

- Understand how society functions
- Bring about changes to how society functions
- Learn good skills of communication and persuasion
- Employers of all descriptions think very highly of graduates with law degrees
- Several opportunities to study abroad



CAREER PROSPECTS:

- trainee solicitors or barristers
- 'para-legal' workers in multinational organisations, such as Citibank
- the civil service, including jobs in non-departmental bodies (such as the Equality Commission)
- staff in campaigning organisations
- journalism
- banking
- marketing

WHICH LAW COURSES ARE OFFERED THROUGH THE PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME?

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How do I pick a course?

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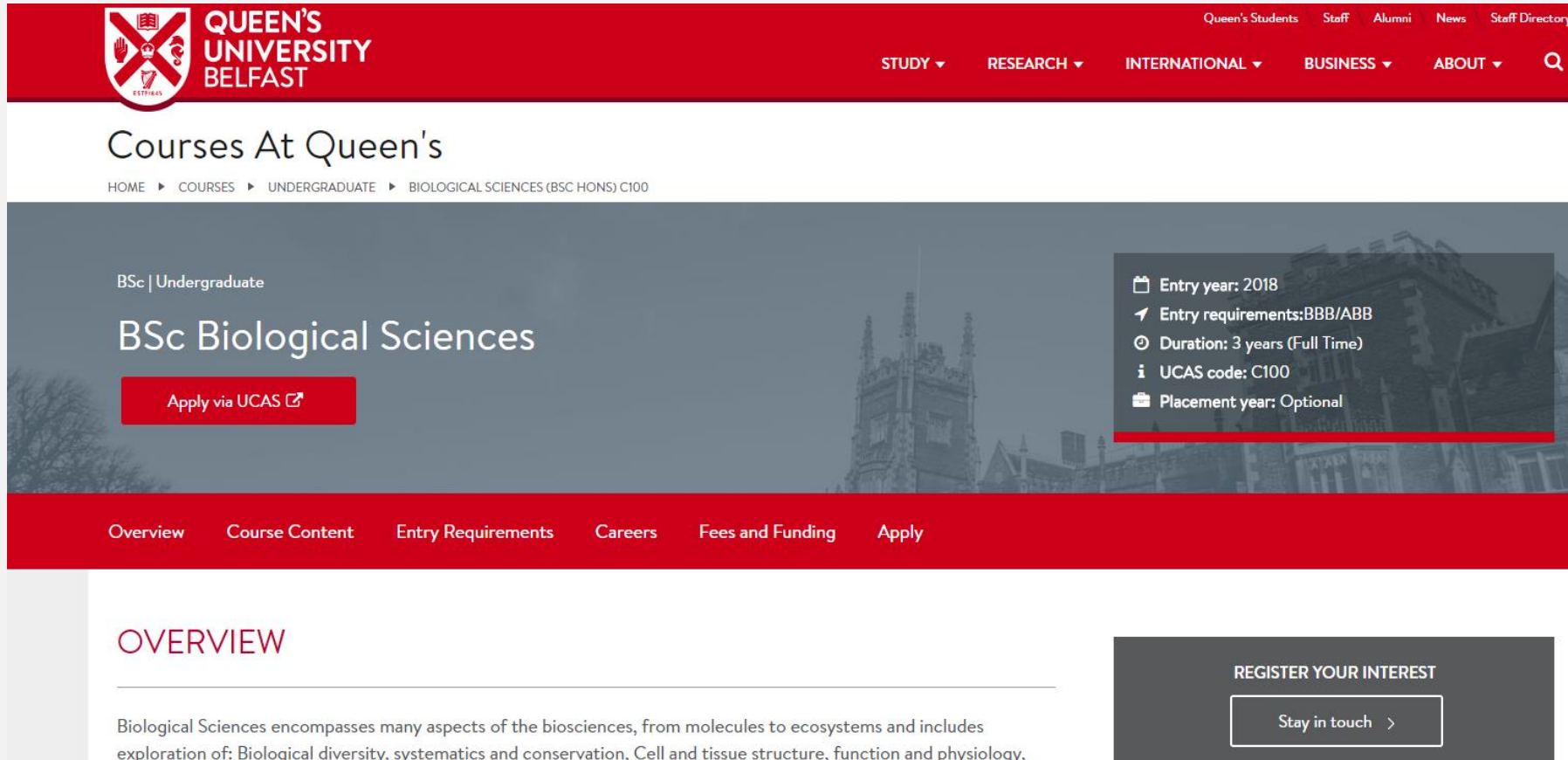
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EXPLORE OUR COURSES

Undergraduate ▾ Search by keyword... Find a course >

- Find out more about the Pathway courses on offer
- Check that you meet any individual course requirements for your chosen Pathway subject **prior to your application.**

Course Finder – Check individual course requirements before you apply



The screenshot displays the Queen's University Belfast website for the BSc Biological Sciences course. The header features the university's logo and navigation links for STUDY, RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL, BUSINESS, and ABOUT. The main content area includes the course title, a red 'Apply via UCAS' button, and a list of key details: Entry year: 2018, Entry requirements: BBB/ABB, Duration: 3 years (Full Time), UCAS code: C100, and Placement year: Optional. A red navigation bar at the bottom of the main content area lists links for Overview, Course Content, Entry Requirements, Careers, Fees and Funding, and Apply. Below this, the 'OVERVIEW' section begins with a description of the course, and a 'REGISTER YOUR INTEREST' button is visible on the right.

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BSc Biological Sciences

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Overview Course Content Entry Requirements Careers Fees and Funding Apply

OVERVIEW

Biological Sciences encompasses many aspects of the biosciences, from molecules to ecosystems and includes exploration of: Biological diversity, systematics and conservation, Cell and tissue structure, function and physiology,

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Stay in touch >

Course Finder Entry Requirements Example (Bsc Biological Sciences)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

A level requirements

BBB including Biology and at least one from Chemistry (preferred), Geography, Mathematics or Physics + GCSE

Chemistry grade C or GCSE Double Award Science grades CC + GCSE Mathematics grade C

OR

BBB including Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Biology and Chemistry grade C or GCSE Double Award Science grades CC + GCSE Mathematics grade C

OR

ABB including Biology + GCSE Chemistry grade C or GCSE Double Award Science grades CC + GCSE Mathematics grade C.

It would be an advantage to have studied Chemistry beyond GCSE level.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: Section A

You must meet all of the following:

1. Live in Northern Ireland and be in full-time attendance at a school or college.
2. Currently in Year 13 studying an acceptable two year qualification (such as A Levels or BTEC).
3. Have at least 7 grades A*-C GCSE (or equivalent e.g. BTEC certificate) including English Language. 5 of these must be at grade B or above.

Applicants must meet any specific subject requirements for the course they are applying to.

Research course specific entry requirements via our **Course Finder** on our website (www.qub.ac.uk/Study/Course-Finder)

Eligibility: Section B

In addition to meeting all the the criteria in **Section A**, you must meet at least two of the following:

1. Neither of your parents have attended university and obtained an undergraduate degree or equivalent level qualification in the UK, Ireland or abroad. (If one or both parents are currently studying for their first degree, or they have graduated from their first degree within the last five years, we will still consider your application).
2. You are eligible for, or in receipt of free school meals (FSM) at your school or college.
3. You receive Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) at your school or college.
4. You live in a 'disadvantaged neighbourhood'. This will be defined by your permanent residence postcode.
5. You are currently in the care of or have previously experienced Local Authority Care.

Queen's University welcomes applications from students with a disability or long-term condition.
Please select all that apply to you on your application form.

Key Dates and Compulsory Events

Monday, 6 November 2017	Applications Open
Friday, 8 December 2017	Application Deadline
January 2018	Students notified of outcome
29 th January 2018	Pathway Induction and Welcome Event
12 th – 18 th February 2018	Subject Skills Session (ONLINE)
26 th March 2018	Subject Specific Session
27 th June 2018	UCAS Support Session
May 2018	Core Academic Skills (ONLINE)
Sunday, 22 – Friday, 27 July 2018	Pathway Residential Summer School
29 th October 2018	Next Steps Session
Saturday, 8 December 2018	Pathway Celebration Event



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- Support bursary upon 1st year entry at Queen's.
- UCAS application advice.
- Experience university life.
- Benefit from tailored transition events and advice to support you upon entry to undergraduate study.

All offers are made on a conditional basis. Students must complete all compulsory elements of the Pathway Opportunity Programme and select Queen's University as their firm UCAS choice to be eligible for the guaranteed conditional offer from Queen's University for their Pathway course.

******This reduction in grades is valid only upon successful completion of the programme and based on your performance in an academic assignment during the residential in your chosen Pathway subject.



Not convinced yet?

Hear from one of our Pathway Students from 2017:



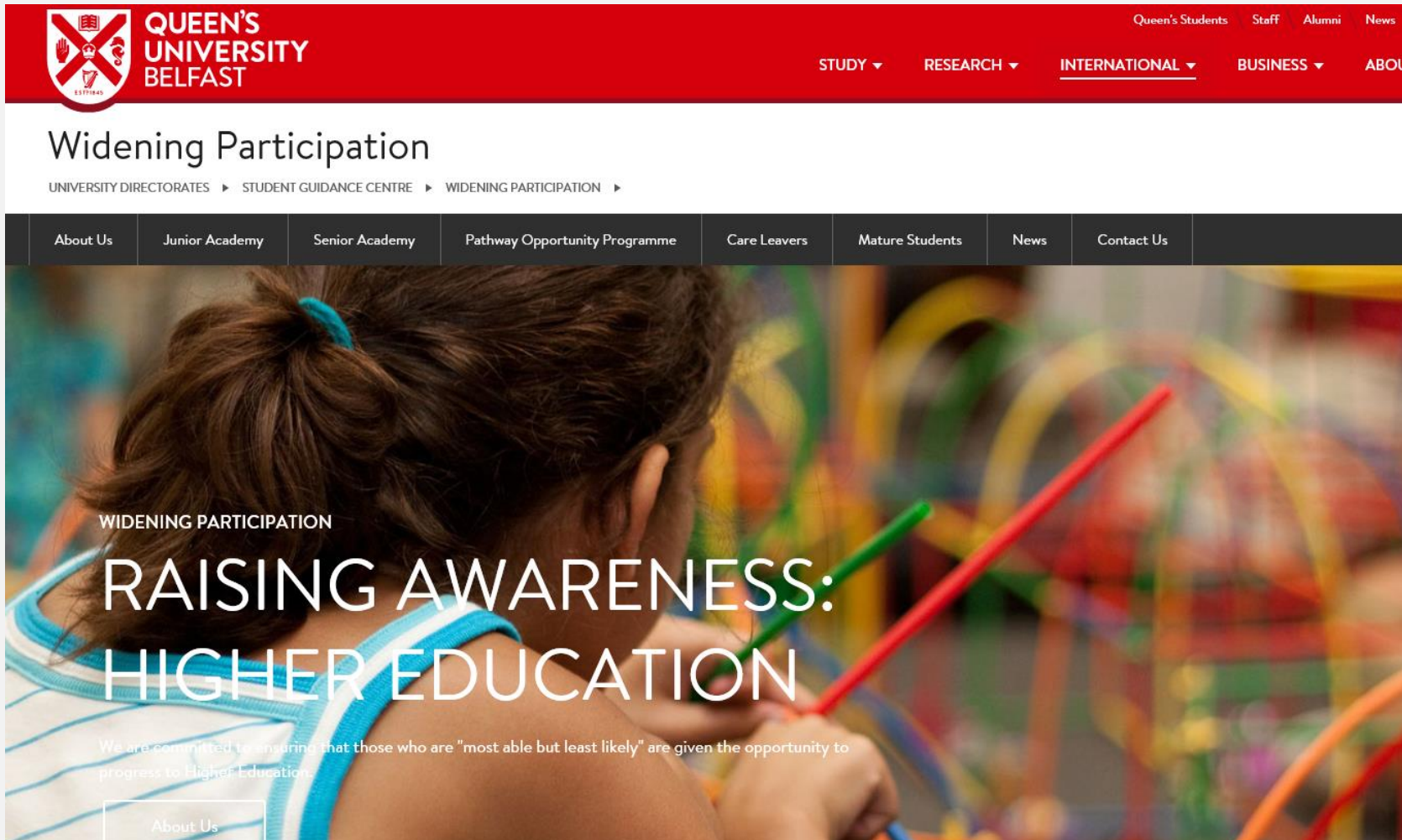
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How do I apply?



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Where to Apply



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Pathway Opportunity Application

Please complete all sections of this form accurately.

Please note that this form can **not be saved** and should be completed and submitted in a single attempt.

It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Incomplete forms will **not be considered** by the Applications Panel.

Personal Information (Section 1 of 7)

1. Forename

2. Surname

3. Address1

4. Address2

5. City/Town

THE APPLICATION

Allow 15 mins to complete

- ✓ Choose a Pathway
- ✓ Research Individual Requirements for courses within your chosen Pathway
- ✓ Find out all about the courses on offer
- ✓ Check Criteria A
- ✓ Check Criteria B (at least two)
- ✓ Complete application form

Closing date 11.59pm Friday, 8 December 2017

Students will be notified of the decision in **January 2018.**

QUESTIONS?

Queries or Further Information?

Go online:

go.qub.ac.uk/pathway2018

Telephone: 028 9097 5322

Email: pop@qub.ac.uk



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